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Model Farmer Scheme

2327. SHRI SOBHNADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have examined the model farmer scheme as suggested by Bhanu Pratap Singh Committee to transmit the latest research results to the farmers in most effective manner;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the likely date by which the model farmer scheme is to be launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) The model farmer scheme as suggested by the Bhanu Pratap Singh Committee is under examination.

[*Translation*]

Environmentalists' agitation against Big Dams

2328. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:

SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of environmental activists have been agitating against big dams such as Sardar

Sarovar and Narmada Sagar Dams and are creating public opinion against those projects in foreign countries; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to set at rest the controversy in regard to the big dams and to prevent the activists from seeking interference of foreign Governments in the internal affairs of the country?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Through technical publications, organisation of seminars/workshops and presentations through the media the appropriate relative roles of large dams as well as of the small dams in the development of the water resources of the different basins is being brought to the attention of the people. Our missions abroad and the concerned organisations within the country have been alerted against the activities of the foreigners or others that are likely to give scope to the undue interference of foreigners in our internal affairs.

Telephone connections in Madhya Pradesh

2329. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applicants on the waiting list for new telephone connections in Madhya Pradesh till July, 1991, district-wise;

(b) the number of telephone connections sanctioned during 1990-91; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to clear the waiting lists?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The latest available information (31-3-1991) is given in the attached Statement.